

April 2022

Patapsco Valley State Park
Soldiers Delight NEA

Register [here](#) or by contacting us at 410-461-5005.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Unless otherwise noted, events are held rain or shine, free and fun for all ages; donations are always welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.</p> <p>Dress for the weather/activity, wear sunscreen and insect repellent, bring plenty of water and snacks, and remember to check for ticks</p>					<p>1</p> <p>10 - Little Explorers</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Women in the Wild</p>
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Are you interested in setting up a private program for your family or friends?

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4/1 Little Explorers

10-10:45 a.m at Hilton Nature Center

Little Hikers! Learn LNT principles for hiking, explain compostable diaper bags and basic hiking materials, go for a short hike along Sensory trail.

4/2-4/3 Women in the Wild

Sat. 10am-4pm & Sun. 10am-12pm at Hilton Campground

New to camping? Seasoned pro? Either way this program is for you! Join Park Rangers as we address some of the unique challenges faced by women in outdoor settings. Women in the Wild is a two day program, with the option to camp overnight in a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment. Please bring your own food and gear. Limited equipment available.

Cost: \$10/person. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Registration required by 3/31.

4/6 Spring into Yoga

9-10 a.m. at Hilton

Hectic morning? Stressful week? Looking for some gentle exercise to start your morning off on? Join us for a yoga class as we take a moment to breathe in the fresh park air. Beginners welcome!

4/7 Invasive Removal

9-11 a.m. at McKeldin

Help us control the spread of invasive plants within the park! We'll be targeting Japanese barberry and wineberry. If you have them, please bring gardening gloves, shovels, and pickaxes. Limited equipment will be available for use.

All ages. Registration required.

4/8 Invasive Removal

9-11 a.m. at McKeldin

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All ages. Registration required.

4/8 Storytime

10- 10:45 a.m. at Hilton Nature Center

Join us for a nature-themed storytime! We'll have fun reading books, playing with puppets, and singing songs to encourage development of literacy skills in young children.

Recommended for ages 0-5. Shine only.

4/10 Mining History Hike

2-4:30 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

Join Volunteer Ranger and mining historian Johnny Johnsson on a two mile Mining History Hike to the historic Choate chromium mine. The history of mining in Soldiers Delight will be supplemented by demonstration of mining artifacts. Participants will have the opportunity to pan and buddle chrome sands (kind of like panning for gold). This program is a great family program for the ages of 10 and up, parents are welcome. For those who can only walk a short distance, they can drive part of the way, park, and then make a short walk over uneven terrain to the Choate Mine area where most of the program is conducted.

4/15 Little Explorers

10-10:45 a.m. at Hilton Nature Center

Nature Sounds. Introduce children to sounds that they might hear in nature, such as bird calls, frog calls, and rain.

4/15 Friends in Focus

3-5 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Aviary

Whether you are a professional or amateur photographer, capture our Scales & Tales animals on film in a natural setting. A Naturalist will be on hand to bring out 3-5 birds of prey and reptiles for photographers to take photos of and to discuss the animal's natural history. Cost: \$15.00 per Photographer.

Registration required by 3/16. Open for the whole family.

4/16 Disc Golf Maintenance

9- 1 p.m. at McKeldin Disc Golf Course

Join our Disc Golf Course volunteer group to do cleanup of the disc golf pads and to remove obstructions in the course.

Recommended for Ages 10 and up!

4/16 Pink Moon

8-10 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Pink Moon because it marked the appearance of the moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the first spring flowers. Lyrids Meteor Shower. The Lyrids is an average shower, usually producing about 20 meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by dust particles left behind by comet C/1861 G1 Thatcher, which was discovered in 1861. The shower runs annually from April 16-25. Time machines (telescopes) will be provided by the Westminster Astronomy Club.

4/17 Grandparents & Me: Aviary Adventures

10-11:30 a.m.

Join a naturalist at Soldiers Delight Natural Environmental Area for a special behind the scenes walk through and up close look at our Scales & Tales Aviary. See the food we butcher for the raptors, how our birds eat, and what daily work goes into taking care of raptors. Rain or shine, recommended for children 5 and up. \$5/person

4/18 Teen Rangers

8-3 p.m. at Avalon

Teen Rangers will meet at the Offutt Johnson History Center for a day of exploring the river. Come dressed to get wet and collect trash along the way, and bring lunch. For Ages 14-18. Registration required.

4/20 Invasive Removal

9-11 a.m. at McKeldin

Help us control the spread of invasive plants within the park! We'll be targeting Japanese barberry and wineberry. If you have them, please bring gardening gloves, shovels, and pickaxes. Limited equipment will be available for use.

All ages. Registration required.

4/20 William Offutt Johnson History Center

1 p.m. at Offutt Johnson History Center

Join Saturday morning in the Avalon Area as we celebrate the dedication of the newly renovated William Offutt Johnson History Center. Tour the Center and meet Volunteer Ranger and local author Ed Johnson who will be available to discuss his book on Patapsco Valley State Park history. All ages are welcome and the event will be held rain or shine. Park entrance fee required.

4/21 Invasive Removal

9-11 a.m. at McKeldin

Help us control the spread of invasive plants within the park! We'll be targeting Japanese barberry and wineberry. If you have them, please bring gardening gloves, shovels, and pickaxes. Limited equipment will be available for use.

All ages. Registration required.

4/22 Park Cleanup - Avalon

9-11 a.m. at Avalon Shelter #1

Make an environmental impact this Earth Day through beautifying the Avalon Area! Volunteer with the MPS on the morning of April 22nd and help us remove trash along the Patapsco River on the Grist Mill trail and River Road. We will provide trash bags and gloves for cleanup attendees! We will also provide a limited number of trash grabbers.

All ages. Registration required by April 14th.

4/22 Storytime

10- 10:45 a.m. at Hilton Nature Center

Join us for a nature-themed storytime! We'll have fun reading books, playing with puppets, and singing songs to encourage development of literacy skills in young children.

Recommended for ages 0-5. Shine only.

4/22 Roadside Cleanup - Soldiers Delight

1-3 p.m. at the Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

If you can't make it to the morning park cleanup at Avalon, come join MPS in the afternoon and help cleanup roadways along the park. We will provide trash bags, gloves, and safety vests for cleanup attendees! We will also provide a limited number of trash grabbers.

All ages. Registration required by April 14th.

4/23 Earth Day Celebration

10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Avalon Shelter #1

We're continuing our Earth Day activities over the weekend with hands-on, nature-based activities, for the whole family to enjoy!

All ages. Shine only.

4/24 Meet a Bird, Paint a Bird

4-6 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Aviary

Join a naturalist at Soldiers Delight for a hands-on, step-by-step paint night. We'll start the night by getting an up close look at the subject of the painting, one of the Scales & Tales raptors! All materials will be provided. Beginners encouraged! \$10. Registration required by 4/22. Recommended for Ages 10 and up!

4/29 Little Explorers

10-10:45 a.m. at Hilton Nature Center

Rocks Rock! Introduce children to sounds that they might hear in nature, such as bird calls, frog calls, and rain.

4/29 Butterfly Hike

12-2 p.m. at Soldiers Delight Visitor Center

Take a hike with us to see some beautiful Springtime butterflies! We will learn about pollinators, and which ones can be found in Patapsco. A fun and educational hike for the whole family. Shine only.

4/30 Stream Survey

2-3 p.m. at Avalon Shelter 104

Come join us for a stream survey discovering all sorts of critters called macroinvertebrates, and learn why macroinvertebrates are important for our stream quality! Please wear shoes that can get wet as we will be in the water for this program. This program is great for families and kids of any age! Shine only.